



ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
December 10, 2003 - 6:00 p.m.  
UC332-333

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 3, 2003 with Flint's amendment to e. under the President's Report: "Flint said the Senate was correct not to support a specific proposal regarding MontPIRG and Regents Policy 940.24, because the ASUM senate was not able to view the exact proposals before they were submitted to the Regents. Also, many schools are against a statewide policy."
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Student Service Award
  - b. January Board of Regents Meeting
  - c. Winter Break
  - d. Other
6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Unexcused absences
  - b. Committee Appointments
  - c. Academic Court
  - d. KBGA
  - e. News Talk
  - f. Cot Meeting
  - g. COT Liaison
  - h. Office Move
  - i. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
  - Special Allocation - \$11,125
  - Travel Special Allocation - \$12,160
  - STIP - \$100,045.72
  - Zero-Base Carryover - \$62,000+ (FY03 amounts not finalized) less \$478, \$1,564 and \$150
  - a. African Student Association Special Allocation Request (Reimbursement) - \$316.26/\$316.26
  - b. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- d. SB34-03/04 Resolution to Abolish ASUM Progressive Network
- e. SB35-03/04 Resolution to Send to Referendum a Constitutional Amendment
- f. SB37-03/04 Resolution to Endorse An Increase in the Clinical Health Fee
- g. SB38-03/04 Resolution to Endorse an Increase in the Campus Programs Health Fee
- h. SB39-03/04 Resolution Urging Reform of The Drug Provision of The Higher Education Act

9. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

## ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE December 10, 2003

SENATE MEMBERSROLL  
CALL

Comments

SOPHIA RENA ALVAREZ

ANDREW BISSELL

TRAVIS COSSITT

BRAD ENGBRETSON

KYLE ENGELSON

ANNA GREEN

CHRIS HEALOW

WILL HOLMES

EMILY JONES

STEPHEN KOCHER

ASHLEY OLIVER

KIMBERLY PAPPAS

VINCENT PAVLISH

SAGE RAFFERTY

EBEN RECKORD

PATRICK VAN ORDEN

ROB WELSH

DAN WINDMUELLER

CHRISTIAN WINKLE

NATHAN ZIEGLER

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6:15	Y			
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6:34	Y			
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ASUM OFFICERS

AARON FLINT

President

GALE PRICE

Vice-President

AVERIEL WOLFF

Business Manager

P	Y			
P	Y			
P	Y			

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

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P	Y			

ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
December 10, 2003  
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Chair Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Flint, Price, Wolff, Alvarez, Bissell (6:08), Engelson, Green (6:15), Healow, Holmes, Jones, Oliver, Pappas, Pavlish, Rafferty (6:34), Reckord, Van Orden, Welsh, Windmueller and Ziegler. Unexcused were Cossitt, Engebretson and Winkle.

The meeting minutes for December 3, 2003, were approved as amended: e. under the President's Report should read: "Flint said the Senate was correct not to support a specific proposal regarding MontPIRG and Regents Policy 940.24, because the ASUM senate was not able to view the exact proposals before they were submitted to the Regents. Also, many schools are against a statewide policy."

**Public Comment**

\*Anne Hansen, member of the Student Health Advisory Committee, encouraged Senate to approve SB38 and SB39.

\*Dustin Frost, College Republicans President, thanked Senate for speaker funds and apologized for not stating on advertising that ASUM was one of the sponsors.

The Chair recognized the presence of Bissell.

**President's Report**

- a. Flint asked for nominations for the Student Service Award, the selection to be made by December 19.
- b. The next MAS meeting will be January 14, with the Board of Regents meeting January 15 and 16.
- c. Flint will be available by phone and e-mail over break, though he won't be in the office.

**Vice President's Report**

- a. Senators should be aware of their Senate and committee unexcused absences. One Senator has two unexcused Senate absences and three unexcused committee absences.
- b. A motion by **Price-Flint** to remove Cody Melton from the Interview Committee passed.
- c. The following slate of committee appointments passed on a motion by **Price-Flint**: University Transfer Advisory - Averiel Wolff, Matt Singer; Interview - Jacole Douglas. Academic Court need students appointed.
- d. Healow will represent ASUM on KBGA tomorrow morning.
- e. Senators are needed to be on News Talk. Welsh and Bissell volunteered.
- f. There may be a charge for Senate to meet at COT.
- g. The COT liaison will continue next semester, as there is adequate money remaining. The position will be reviewed for renewal next year.
- h. The Student Resolution Officer and Off-Campus Renter Center Director will be switching offices during break.
- i. A Chair is needed for Elections.

**Business Manager's Report**

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Zero-Base Carryover - \$62,000+ (FY03 amounts not finalized) less \$478, \$1,564 and \$150.

a. African Students Association's Special Allocation request for \$316.26 and recommended for same by B & F passed.

The Chair recognized the presence of Green.

**Committee Reports**

a. ASUM Affairs - No report.

b. IT - No report.

c. COT - No report.

d. Housing (Price) - A new Chair is needed.

e. Interview (Welsh) - A motion by **Engelson-Alvarez** to approve Student Regent nominees Price, Cederberg and Eaton passed.

f. SPA (Jones) - They discussed Senator Burns' visit to Missoula. SB39 received a "do pass" recommendation. A meeting time for next semester will be set after consulting with individuals' schedules.

g. Transportation (Green/Healow) - Money will be requested from the city for the U-DASH bus. They discussed bus advertising, better lighting for streets, a coaster campaign and expanded service.

h. UC Board (Engelson) - There was a presentation by the Center for Leadership Development. They discussed the UC budgeting process, an operations fee increase and first quarter financials. Game room renovations will be made soon.

i. University Affairs (Holmes) - SB37 and 38 received "do pass" recommendations. A student-at-large is needed on the committee. Next semester's schedules are being gathered.

The Chair recognized the presence of Rafferty.

j. Board on Membership (Pappas) - The following slate of groups passed on a motion by **Pappas-Engelson**: Pre-Allied Health Sciences, Baseball Club, University Choir and University Orchestra.

k. ASCRC - No report.

l. No report on the suggestion box.

**Unfinished Business**

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- d. SB37-03/04 Resolution to Endorse An Increase in the Clinical Health Fee (Exhibit A) passed on a motion by **Welsh-Flint**.
- e. SB38-03/04 Resolution to Endorse an Increase in the Campus Programs Health Fee (Exhibit B) passed on a motion by **Welsh-Engelson**.
- f. SB39-03/04 Resolution Urging Reform of The Drug Provision of The Higher Education Act (Exhibit C) was amended in committee by deleting "who have committed" in the last paragraph and inserting "convicted of" in its place. A friendly amendment by **Welsh** to insert "484 subsection r" after "section" in the eighth paragraph was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Healow** to delete "will, by its very nature" in the third paragraph and add an "s" to "impact" was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Welsh** to add a final paragraph reading "Let It Further Be Resolved that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Senators Baucus and Burns and Congressman Rehberg" was accepted. After a previous question call by **Holmes**, the resolution passed.
- g. SB34-03/04 Resolution to Abolish ASUM Progressive Network (Exhibit D) was moved by **Pavlish-Engelson**. After a previous question call by **Windmueller**, the resolution passed.

#### New Business

- a. Call for removal of Senator Oliver from UC Board
- b. Call for removal of Senator Oliver from Senate
- c. Resolution for ASUM to withdrawn from MAS
- d. Resolution to create Student Resolution Officer orientation period

#### Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

*Carol Hayes*  
Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager

*Exhibit A*

# **A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AN INCREASE IN THE CLINICAL HEALTH FEE**

**Whereas**, the **Clinical Health Fee** funds the operation and range of service offered by Curry Health Center, including medical, dental, counseling, health enhancement, substance abuse, and sexual assault recovery services;

**Whereas**, the personnel hourly wages are estimated to increase by \$.25 per hour, beginning January 1, 2005, pending contract ratification (approximately \$16,600);

**Whereas**, Curry Health Center has documented an inability to hire professional staff (i.e., registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, laboratory technicians) and strategic pay increases have been authorized to increase wages for the recruitment and retention of professional staff (approximately \$70,100);

**Whereas**, the employer contributions for employee benefits are increasing, including an estimated increase in the employee insurance program of \$35 per month per eligible employee (approximately \$48,700);

**Whereas**, inflation for operational expenses including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs is increasing by approximately 5.4% (\$71,100);

**Whereas**, a \$6.50 fee increase is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases;

**Therefore Let It Be It Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Health Fee from the current \$122.00 per semester to \$128.50 per Fall/Spring semesters (5.3%).

Written by Rick Curtis

Sponsored by Anna Green, ASUM Senator

*Passed  
12/10/03*

*Exhibit B*

# **Resolution to Endorse an Increase in the Campus Programs Health Fee**

Whereas, sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking pose serious threat to UM students (Women age 16 to 24 were the most vulnerable to non-lethal intimate partner violence between 1993 and 1999. (NCVC, 2000); In their lifetime, an estimated 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience a sexual assault. (National Institute of Justice, 2000) 80% of victims of sexual violence are under the age of 30 (NCVC, 2000). Slightly more than 13% of the female students in the study of college women had been victims of stalking. (NCVC, 2000);

Whereas, stalking, sexual assault and relationship violence have among the lowest reporting rates of any crime;

Whereas, interpersonal violence affects person's physical and mental health, social interactions and ability to perform academically or professionally;

Whereas, utilizing grant funds that have now ceased, Curry Health Center developed goals, strategies and processes over the last two years to address issues of sexual violence. The goals are as follows: 1) to create a climate where survivors on this campus are supported and assisted 2) to promote healthy relationships, correct misinformation and present students with positive choices with regards to consensual, healthy sex and relationships based on equity and respect 3) to provide campus community members with the support and skills to effectively respond to survivors (most survivors will tell someone they trust before they access services or report the crime.);

Whereas; CHC seeks to continue to address these needs and will accomplish these goals by continuing peer education, social marketing and first responder trainings and training materials;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Campus Programs Health Fee from the current \$20.00 per semester to \$21.00 per semester (5%) to continue funding these violence prevention services.

Written by Bridget Hanna and Rick Curtis

Sponsored by Anna Green

*Passed  
12/10/03*



**Resolution Urging Reform of The Drug Provision of The Higher Education Act**

**Whereas** a provision in the Higher Education Act of 1998 mandates that students convicted of any drug-related offense be denied eligibility for financial aid for periods ranging from one year to "indefinite;"

**Whereas** no other class of offender faces similar restrictions on student loan eligibility;

**Whereas** this provision will, by its very nature, impact primarily students of low to moderate economic means;

**Whereas** to the extent that the federal government involves itself in education, it should be focused on making it easier, not more difficult, for citizens to educate themselves;

**Whereas** education is key to leading people out of self-destructive lifestyles;

**Whereas** students can lose out on financial aid for offenses committed decades ago;

**Whereas** this provision has significant negative impacts on non-traditional students;

**Therefore Let It Be Resolved** that The Associated Students of The University of Montana urge Congress to reform that section of the Higher Education Act of 1998 that denies or delays access to financial aid based upon convictions for drug related offenses;

**Let It Further Be Resolved** that The Associated Students of The University of Montana support reform that does not deny financial aid to students convicted of possessing a controlled substance upon the first offense;

**Let It Further Be Resolved** that The Associated Students of The University of Montana support legislation amending the Higher Education Act to provide that only those students who have committed drug offenses during the period they were receiving financial aid shall have their eligibility for such assistance suspended upon conviction for such an offense.

**Authored By:** Aaron Flint, ASUM President

Passed  
12/10/03

Exhibit D

SB34-03/04

### Resolution to Abolish ASUM Progressive Network

Whereas, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fill committees as established by the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM),

Whereas, it is often important to update and amend By-Laws in accord with current trends,

Whereas, the ASUM Progressive Network, as defined by Article IV, Section 20 of the ASUM By-Laws, is a committee which has not held a meeting for an extended amount of time,

Whereas, efforts to fill more important committees should be made without the hindrance of excess committees is essential,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) abolish the ASUM Progressive Network from Article IV, Section 20 of the ASUM By-Laws.

And Let It Be Further Resolved that the sections following Section 20 of Article IV be amended accordingly.

#### ~~Section 20. ASUM Progressive Network.~~

A. An ASUM Senator will chair this committee.

B. This committee shall consist of an additional ASUM Senator and two representatives (of which one representative has voting rights) from each organization.

C. Organizations shall gain memberships to A.P.N. by filling out an application stating reasons and ideas for participation and central progressive issues that surround the organization.

D. A minimum of two meetings per semester should take place to facilitate discussion between organizations.

E. Yearly, ASUM Progressive Network will organize a "Common Grounds Week" to create an outlet of their collaboration and inform campus on important current issues of the year.

#### ~~Section 20 21. Board on Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Outreach:~~

A. The Board on Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Outreach shall be composed of 10 voting members, of which three (3) shall be members of the ASUM Senate; three (3) shall be students-at-large; one (1) shall be from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs; one (1) shall be designated by the Director of Residence Life [...]

#### ~~Section 21 22. ASUM Childcare Oversight Committee~~

A. The ASUM Childcare Oversight Committee shall be composed of eight (8) voting members, of which three (3) shall be ASUM Senators, [...]

Authored By:

Senator Robert J. Welsh

Passed  
12/10/03